

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 122151  
ORIGIN EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 ABF-01 DODE-00 NSAE-00  
ICA-11 TRSE-00 SOE-02 DOE-15 CIAE-00 COME-00 /050 R

DRAFTED BY EB/ITP/EWT:JPCRAWFORD:GAO:ABENNETT:DLM  
APPROVED BY EB/ITP/EWT:JPCRAWFORD  
A/BF/ORG:JSOUTHERLAND

-----096234 141542Z /41

R 122213Z MAY 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 122151

OECD, EXCON

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: COCOM, AGAO, AINF

SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN COCOM

REF: STATE 112382

1. GAO TEAM NOTED TO DEPARTMENT, REFERRING TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL, THAT US COCOM DELEGATION AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND TALKS BUT SHOULD NOT FEEL COMPELLED TO DO SO. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES ABOVE AND WOULD LIKE U.S. DELEGATION AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO ACCOMPANY, AS IS NORMAL PRACTICE, WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

2. GAO TEAM HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE ON ITS ACCESS TO VARIOUS DOCUMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 4 FAM 930-934. DEPARTMENT HAS, IN ADDITION TO USG-CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 122151

INITIATED COCOM DOCUMENTS, GIVEN GAO ACCESS ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TO ROUTINE COCOM OPERATING DOCUMENTS WHICH WE DID NOT CONSIDER SENSITIVE POLICY PAPERS. IN REVIEWING EXCEPTIONS CASES, GAO HAS ROUTINELY HAD ACCESS TO THE REQUEST DOCUMENT, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AMONG COCOM MEMBERS ON AN EXCEPTION REQUEST, EXTENTION OF CONSIDERATION REQUESTS, COCOM SUMMARIES, AND APPROVAL, OBJECTION, OR RESERVE DOCU-

MENTS. U.S. COCOM DELEGATION MAY PROVIDE THESE COCOM DOCUMENTS AS WELL UPON REQUEST. IN ADDITION, GAO TEAM HAS BEEN REVIEWING OVER A PERIOD OF MONTHS DOCUMENTS OF VARIOUS USG AGENCIES INVOLVED IN COCOM PROCESS.

3. GAO TEAM HAS REMINDED DEPARTMENT THAT IT DOES NOT BRIEF EMBASSY OFFICIALS NOR US COCOM DELEGATION ON EACH MEETING GAO HAS WITH COCOM DELEGATES AND HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS, BUT AS NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURE GAO WILL BE PLEASED TO GIVE EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN EACH COUNTRY THE GAO'S "STANDARD ENTRANCE AND EXIT CONFERENCES OR BRIEFINGS." VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 12 may 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE122151  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** JPCRAWFORD:GAO:ABENNETT:DLM  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** X1  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780204-0938  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780562/aaaacaxi.tel  
**Line Count:** 73  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** f327969f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN EB  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 STATE 112382  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 18 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2702518  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** GAO REVIEW OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN COCOM  
**TAGS:** AGAO, AINF, FR, COCOM  
**To:** PARIS BONN MULTIPLE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/f327969f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014